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Hungarian OB (Prior to November 1956)

1. [redacted] 25X1
  - a. [redacted] the 16th Tank Regiment (Harckocsi Ezred) [redacted] was subordinate to the 5th Mechanized Division. The headquarters was located at Szabadszállás (46-52, E 19-13).
  - b. [redacted] unit's strength as 81 officers and 400 enlisted men [redacted] authorized strength was 102 officers and 400 enlisted men. 25X1
  - c. The caserne's name was Petofi and it was located at Kunszentmiklosi Ut.
  - d. The training areas were located as follows: 16 kilometers southwest of Kecskemét (N 46-54, E 19-41) and 20 kilometers east of Kiskőrös (N 46-37, E 19-17).
  - e. [redacted] 25X1
  - f. The commanding officer of the regiment was Lt. Colonel Imre Szabo.

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g. The regiment had the following equipment:

- (1) 30 t-34 Soviet tanks
- (2) 30 Csepel-350, 3½ ton trucks
- (3) 6 Wippons (weapons carriers)
- (4) 3 Csepel K-300 trucks
- (5) An unknown number of R-20, R-10, and R-7 radios which were of Hungarian make.

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2. [redacted] information on other units:

a. The 5th Mechanized Division's headquarters was located at Kecskemét (N 46-54, E 19-41). [redacted] the commanding officer was Colonel Mihaly Kada, Infantry.

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b. An unidentified tank regiment, subordinate to the 5th Mechanized Division, was located at Kőlcse (N 48-03, E 22-43). [redacted]

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c. The 12th Mechanized Infantry Regiment, subordinate to the 5th Mechanized Division, was located at Kecskemét (N 46-54, E 19-41). [redacted] the commanding officer was Lt. Colonel Toth (fnu), Infantry.

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d. An unidentified mechanized infantry regiment, subordinate to the 5th Mechanized Division, was located at Szabadszállás. [redacted] its commanding officer was Major Biro (fnu).

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e. The 4th Infantry Corps, subordinate to the Minister of Defense, was located at Kecskemét. [redacted] its commanding officer was Brigadier General Lajos Gyurko. The Corps had three infantry divisions which were as follows:

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(1) Unidentified rifle division, located at Kalocsa (N 46-32, E 18-59).

(2) Unidentified rifle division, located at Kaposvár (N 46-21, E 17-47).

(3) Unidentified rifle division, located at Kecskemét.

f. The 6th Rifle Corps, subordinate to the Minister of Defense, was located at Szekesfehervár (N 47-12, E 18-25). Its commanding officer was Brigadier General Mikes (fnu). [redacted]

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g. The 37th Pontoon Bridge Brigade, subordinate to the Minister of Defense, was located at Ercsi (N 47-15, E 18-54). Its commanding officer was Major Lajos Toth. [redacted] The approximate strength of this brigade was 163 officers and 1,500 enlisted men. This brigade had an unknown Soviet colonel assigned as an advisor to the commanding officer. It had the following major

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items of equipment:

- (1) 900 vehicles, trucks, and cars including ZIS-Soviet-3 $\frac{1}{2}$  ton and K-300 CzepeI, Hungarian makes.
- (2) 60 AVM pontoon motor boats.
- (3) Unknown number of assault boats with two-cylinder Csnoka, gasoline motors.

October-November 1956 Uprising in Hungary

3. [redacted] 25X1
  - a. On 23 October 1956, [redacted] in Budapest, students held mass meetings in the streets of the city. The AVH fired on the crowd and this precipitated the revolt in Hungary.
  - b. [redacted] 25X1  
when the revolt started, all the enlisted men [redacted] were sent home by regimental order and [redacted] the officers, all of whom remained, allegedly took up arms against the Freedom Fighters. 25X1
  - c. [redacted] 25X1
  - d. [redacted] no knowledge of specific Soviet units participating in the fighting. [redacted] the first time an unidentified Soviet amphibious tank in the streets of Budapest. [redacted] the tank as being built "like a boat". It was smaller than a T-34 tank it weighing approximately 20 tons and its tracks were narrower than those of the T-34. It had a 76mm or an 85mm gun. 25X1  
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  - e. After the outbreak of hostilities in November, mass discharges were given to the Hungarian Army by unknown authority. [redacted] 25X1  
many [redacted] officers were dismissed in mid-November because they would not take the loyalty oath to the Kadar regime. 25X1

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